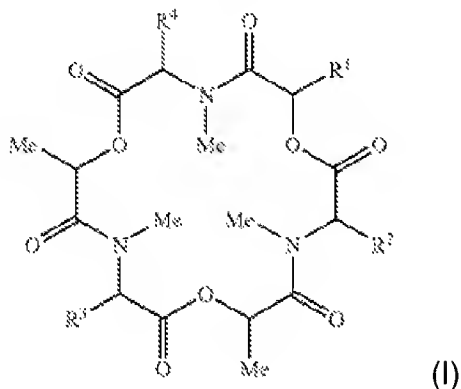


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously presented) A cyclic depsipeptide of formula (I) or salt thereof



in which

R¹ represents nitrobenzyl or R'R''N-benzyl

where

R' and R'' independently of one another each represent hydrogen, optionally substituted C₁-C₄-alkyl, formyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxycarbonyl, hydroxyl-C₁-C₂-alkylsulphonyl-C₁-C₂-alkyl,

or

R' and R'' together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an optionally substituted mono- or polycyclic saturated or unsaturated heterocycle which is optionally bridged and/or spirocyclic and which contains 1 to 3 further heteroatoms from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, or R' and R'' together form C₃-C₅-alkylenemonocarbonyl or an optionally substituted diacyl radical of a C₄-C₆-dicarboxylic acid, and

R², R³ and R⁴ independently of one another represent C₁-C₄-alkyl, and optical isomers and racemates thereof.

2. (Previously presented) The depsipeptide of Claim 1

in which

R¹ represents nitrobenzyl or R'R"N-benzyl

where

R' and R" independently of one another each represent hydrogen, C₁-C₃-alkyl, in particular methyl, ethyl, C₁-C₃-alkoxy-C₁-C₃-alkyl, in particular methoxyethyl, 2-hydroxyethylsulphonyl-C₁-C₂-alkyl, in particular 2-hydroxyethylsulphonylethyl, or

R' and R" together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represent N-pyrrolidino, N-piperidino, N-piperazino, N-morpholino, N-2,6-dimethylmorpholino, N-thiomorpholino, N-pyrazolo, N-imidazolo, 2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl, 2-oxopiperidin-1-yl, 2-oxoazepan-1-ylmethyl, succinimino, maleinimino or glutarimino,

R², R³ and R⁴ independently of one another represent C₁-C₄-alkyl, and optical isomers and racemates thereof.

3. (Previously presented) The depsipeptide of Claim 1

in which

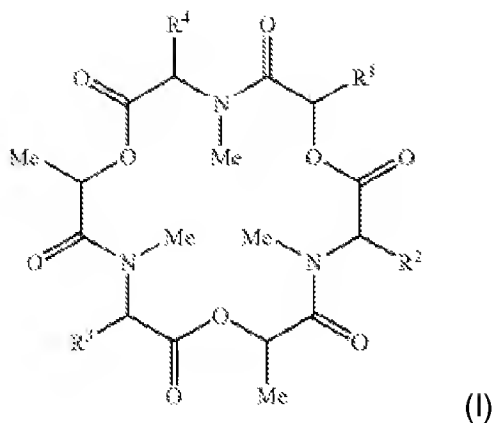
R¹ represents 4-nitrobenzyl, 4-aminobenzyl, 4-morpholinobenzyl, 4-hydroxyethylsulphonylethylaminobenzyl,

R² and R⁴ independently of one another represent C₁-C₄-alkyl,

R³ represents methyl or ethyl,

and optical isomers and racemates thereof.

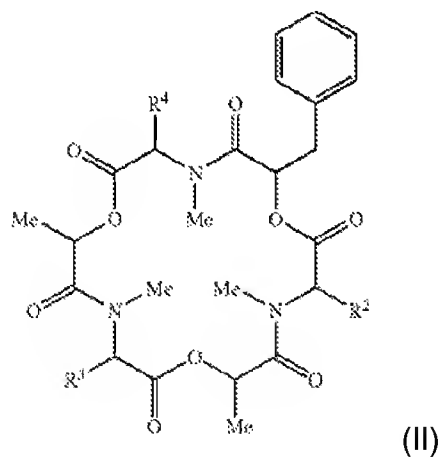
4. (Withdrawn) A process for preparing a cyclic depsipeptide of formula (I) or salts thereof



in which

R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are as defined in Claim 1, which comprises

- a. in a first step, nitrating a cyclic depsipeptide of formula (II) or salt thereof

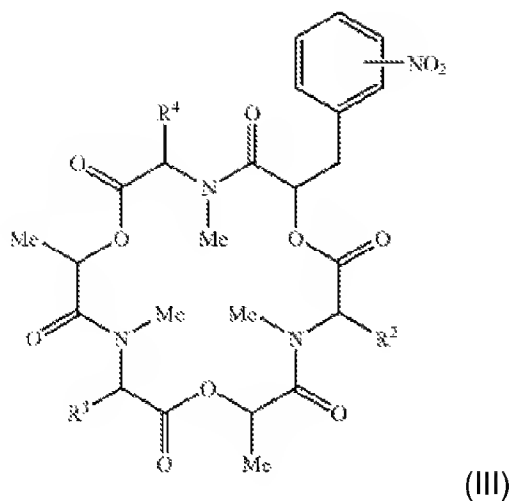


in which

R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are as defined in Claim 1,

in the presence of a nitrating agent and, if appropriate, in the presence of a diluent, and

- b. if appropriate, in a second step, reducing the nitro group in a cyclic depsipeptide of formula (III) or salt thereof obtained in this manner

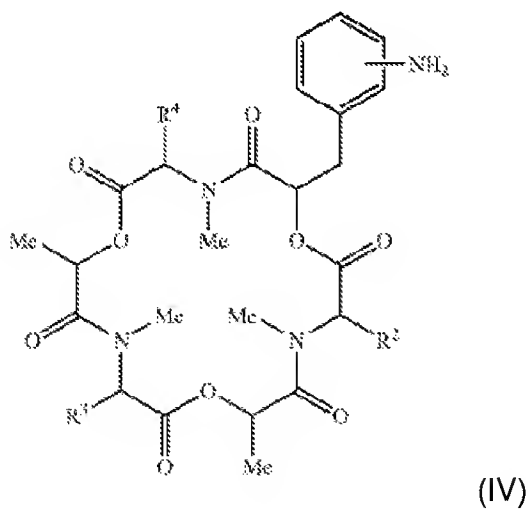


in which

R², R³ and R⁴ are as defined in Claim 1,

in the presence of a reducing agent and, if appropriate, in the presence of a diluent, and

- c. if appropriate, in a third step, aminoalkylating a cyclic depsipeptide of formula (IV) or salt thereof



in which

R², R³ and R⁴ are as defined in Claim 1,

to introduce the radicals R' and R", in the presence of a suitable aldehyde and a reducing agent and, if appropriate, in the presence of a diluent, or

N-alkylating these depsipeptides in the presence of a suitable alkylating agent and a basic reaction auxiliary and, if appropriate, in the presence of a diluent, or

N-acylating these depsipeptides in the presence of a suitable acylating agent and a basic reaction auxiliary and, if appropriate, in the presence of a diluent.

5. (Previously presented) A composition comprising a cyclic depsipeptide of Claim 1.
6. (Canceled).
7. (Canceled).
8. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling endoparasites comprising administering to a human or animal in need thereof an effective amount of a cyclic depsipeptide of Claim 1.
9. (Previously presented) The depsipeptide of Claim 1, wherein R² and R⁴ independently of one another are selected from the group consisting of methyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, and sec-butyl.
10. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling endoparasites comprising applying to a habitat an effective amount of a cyclic depsipeptide of Claim 1.